Edwina Letters missing

4218. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report captioned 'FOUR EDWINA LETTERS MISSING' which appeared in Hindu, Delhi dated 11th February, 1992.

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what is the exact number of letters brought from London; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to trace the missing letters?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A very substantial section of Nehru papers containing amongst other papers more than 100 letters (including 23 communications—16 telegrams and 7 letters sent to Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru by Lady Edwina Mountbatten were deposited with the Museum in March, 1990. As the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru—Lady Edwina Mountbatten Correspondence has been handed over to the Nheru Memorial Museum fully integrated, with a very substantial segment of the total correspondence of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the exact number of letters brought from London can not be ascertained.

(d) The Museum has clarified that none of the letters deposited in March, 1990 is missing.

Killing of Daughters

4219. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem that appeared in the Times of India (ND) dated 21-12-91 under the caption 'Parents kill 4 daughters, themselves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to check such crimes against female children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) The information is being obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of Super Computer by USA to the Indian Institute of Science

@4220. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States have cancelled the sale of Super Computer to the Indian Institute of Science (IISC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the IISC has spent Rs. 2.5 crore on setting up an exclusive facility to house this Super sensitive machine?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Government of India has not received any information regarding cancellation by United States of sale of Super Computer to Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) As part of the project for providing Super Computing facility, the Institute has already installed and operationalised water-cooled Cyber 992 vector high

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performance computer; VAX 8810 Supermini Computer; Graphic Workstations and local area network in the Campus. For housing and running the facilities the Institute has so far incurred an expenditure of approximately Rs. 5.63 crores on building and infrastructure.

National conference on Panchayati Raj and Women

@@4221. SHRI P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when and where the last "National Conference on Panchayati Raj and Women" was held;

(b) the main features of the decisions taken therein;

(c) the details of follow-up action taken or proposed to be taken thereon; and

(d) the efforts made to prescribe a certain percentage of quota for women in Panchayats, Planning Boards etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) The National Conference on Panchayati Raj and Women was held on 3-4 May, 1989 in New Delhi.

(b) to (d) The general consensus was towards introduction of reservations for women in various fora like Panchayati Raj Institutions, Zila Parishads, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats. The Ministry of Rural Development has already introduced the Constitution (Seventy-Second Amendment) Bill, 1991 in the Lok Sabha on 16-9-91 on reservations in Panchayats including reservations for women.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2480, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

Policies regarding ad-hoc appointments in Kendriya Vidhyalayas

4222. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure for appointing Kendriya Vidyalayas' teachers on part-time or ad-hoc basis in India and abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that many such appointees have challenged such appointments in Courts and succeeded against the Sangathan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is contemplating suitable amendments in the existing procedure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) As per the provisions of the Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas when an employee included in the select panel for regular appointment is not available or where such a select panel has not yet been prepared and the appointing authority considers it necessary and expedient to do so, a vacancy in any grade of the service may be filled on *adhoc* and temporary basis by the appointment of a person or persons otherwise eligible for appointment thereto:

(i) for period not exceeding six months; or

(ii) for the period for which a select panel in respect of the particular post/grade is not prepared, whichever is less.

(b) and (c) The provisions of the Education Code regarding *adhoc* appointments have not been set aside by any Court. In certain individual cases specific relief has been given by various Courts depending on the particular circumstances of the case.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.